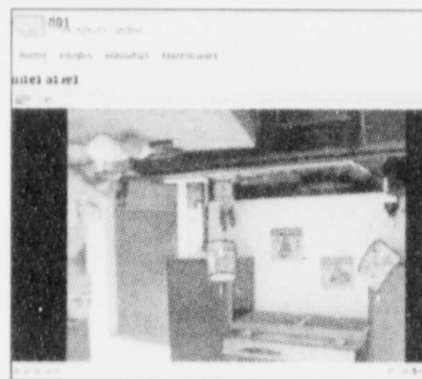
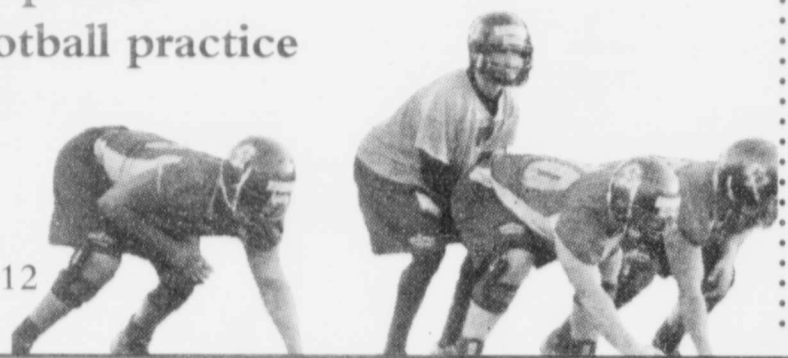


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Baker postpones decision to raise CBFs

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Cal Poly President Warren Baker agreed to postpone his decision whether to raise College Based Fees (CBFs) after a request from California Education Chancellor Charles B. Reed following questions surrounding the CSU system budget.

The quarterly fee increase, originally proposed by several Cal Poly deans, was overwhelmingly passed by students last quarter and would increase CBFs to \$362 a quarter next year and up to \$562 a quarter by 2011. Forty eight percent of students voted and of those, 78 percent voted to increase fees.

"In light of the uncertain economic environment, the chancellor of the CSU system has asked the CSU campuses to defer any decisions on implementation of campus-based academic fees until there is more clarity on the state budget and its impact on the CSU," Baker said in a press release sent Wednesday.

In an e-mail sent to students Wednesday, Baker thanked them for voting and restated the chancellor's wishes that the CSU system wait to increase student fees until the state budget system clears up.

Numerous forums were held in departments, colleges and campus-wide to debate the increase during the weeks before the March 10-11 vote. Proponents of the increase argued that the increase is necessary to uphold Cal Poly's quality of education while critics say it is unfair to increase students' financial burdens.

Student arrested on suspicion of forgery

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF REPORT

A Cal Poly student was arrested Monday on suspicion of forging prescriptions at a local Rite Aid Pharmacy. Natural resources management student Luke Marvos, 23, is also being investigated for the burglaries of a Santa Maria doctor's office and an elderly San Luis Obispo woman's residence, according to the San Luis Obispo Police Department.

Marvos spoke to police on Sunday regarding the burglary of an elderly San Luis Obispo woman's apartment but was released after the interview. He had allegedly met the woman at the Foothill Boulevard Rite Aid and later went to her door soliciting donations for a school project. Her apartment was later burglarized and prescription medication was the only thing stolen, police said.

Suspicion arose when Marvos dropped off three painkiller prescriptions to the Foothill Boulevard Rite Aid on Sunday. Store employees thought the prescriptions may be fraudulent and contacted other local

pharmacies, police said.

The Longs Drugs Store on Marsh Street had filled a prescription for Marvos recently and the doctor listed on it had recently had his office burglarized and suspected his prescription pad to be stolen.

When Marvos went to pick up the confirmed fraudulent prescriptions from Rite Aid, he was arrested and consented to a search of his residence in the JB Apartment complex on



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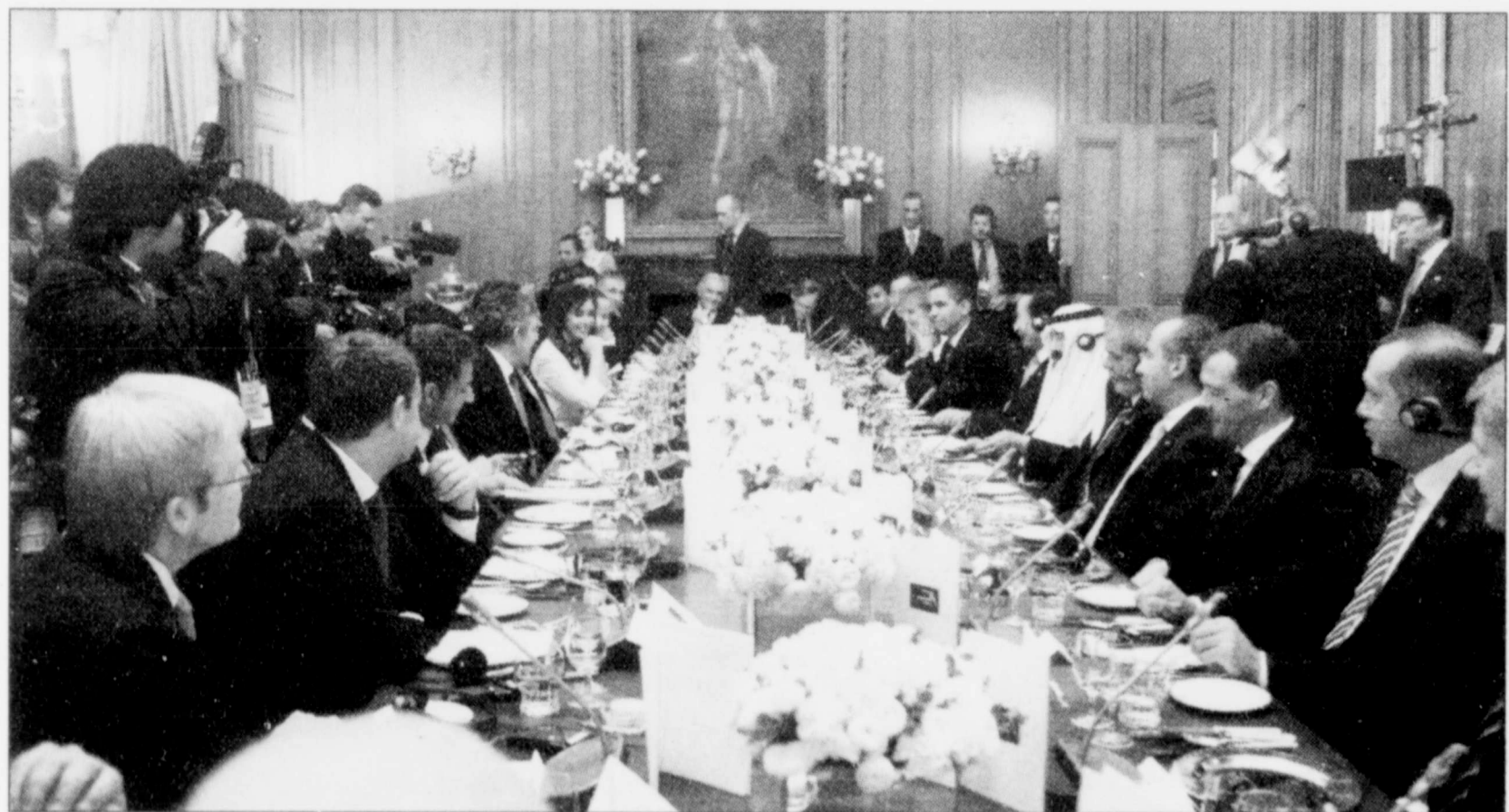
Foothill Boulevard.

Officers reportedly found evidence that Marvos was selling prescription drugs, including drugs in other people's names, a small indoor marijuana grow and drug paraphernalia.

He was booked into the county jail for prescription forgery, cultivation of marijuana and possessing drug paraphernalia on \$20,000 bail.

The Cal Poly natural resources management department had no knowledge of a student fundraiser regarding a greenhouse, which Marvos had reportedly claimed he was collecting donations for while going door-to-door.

Obama and Brown: G-20 deal will fight recession



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G-20 delegates and guests attend a dinner at Downing Street, in London, Wednesday. Celebrity chef Jamie Oliver's meal for G-20 leaders at Downing Street features seasonal, local produce slow-roasted Welsh lamb is the main course for Wednesday's dinner. U.S. President Barack Obama, is seen seated 8th from right. While summit host Britain's Prime Minister is seated 4th from right.

Jane Wardell

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LONDON (AP) — Doggedly optimistic in the face of doubts, President Barack Obama and British Prime Minister Gordon Brown predicted Thursday's emergency G-20 economic summit would produce a significant global deal to tackle the deepening worldwide recession.

Others weren't so sure. France warned on Wednesday that neither it nor Germany would agree to "false compromises" that soft-pedal a need for tougher financial regulation to curb abuses that contributed to the spreading chaos. And outside the carefully scripted meetings, protesters smashed bank windows and pelted police with eggs and fruit.

Thousands surged into London's financial district, blockading the Bank of England and breaking into a branch of the Royal Bank of Scotland. Elsewhere, however, inside the meetings, Obama said differences among the presidents and prime ministers of the Group of 20 rich and emerging countries, were "vastly overstated."

"I am absolutely confident that this meeting will reflect enormous consensus about the need to work in concert to deal with these problems," said Obama, who is under pressure to make a good showing in his first major international appearance.

With economic chaos spreading, Brown, the host of the summit, predicted agreement on a coordinated strategy, including a possible \$100 billion fund to finance global trade, tighter financial rules and action to support economic growth and job creation.

G-20 leaders are also in general agreement on a plan to double the money available to the International Monetary Fund, to some \$500 billion, to help emerging countries.

Consensus on further measures is by no means clear.

"Brown initially trumpeted the gathering as 'a new Bretton Woods — a new financial architecture for the years ahead.' But the meeting so far bears little similarity to the 1944 New Hampshire conference where the eventual winners of World War II

gathered to set postwar global monetary and financial order.

Washington has eased off on its push for other governments to pump more money into economic stimulus programs after heavy opposition from European countries, who contend their bigger social safety nets make more spending unnecessary.

Germany and France have instead campaigned for tougher rules to restrain financial market excesses.

That disagreement has lowered expectations for the London summit and weakened confidence in the world's ability to quickly pull out of the downturn.

Global trade is plummeting, protectionism is beginning to make inroads and unemployment is rising.

French leader Nicolas Sarkozy, who had earlier implied he might walk out if key demands on tighter regulation were not met, presented a more conciliatory stance at a joint London news conference with German Chancellor Angela Merkel, saying he had "confidence in Obama."

He still warned, however, that France nor Germany would reject "false compromises" and considered concrete steps on tax havens, hedge funds and ratings agencies crucial.

Paris and Berlin want definitive agreements on a crackdown on tax havens and action on other regulatory issues, rather than simple commitments to reform. The summit is also expected to consider lightly regulated hedge funds and how to clear bank balance sheets of shaky securities.

Sarkozy said that "without new regulation there will be no confidence, it's a major non-negotiable objective."

Merkel said both she and Sarkozy had come to London "in a very constructive mood." But she said, "We do not want results that have no impact in practice."

Even free trade remains the subject of potentially bitter dispute.

In their meeting in November, the G-20 members vowed to avoid protectionism that could stifle trade. But since then, 17 have acted to pass subsidies to protect their own industries or

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California prepares to expand 3 prisons

Don Thompson

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SACRAMENTO (AP) — The head of California's prison system said Wednesday that he will soon ask state legislators to approve expanding three prisons to hold an additional 2,800 inmates, adding to what already is the nation's largest state prison system.

The construction projects would be the first to draw money from a nearly \$8 billion bond measure approved by lawmakers two years ago. The money has been stalled ever since by drafting problems that were corrected in the budget legislation that Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger signed into law in February.

Corrections Secretary Matthew Cate said he plans to seek approval within weeks to build cellblocks for about 900 inmates each at high-security Kern Valley and medium-security North Kern state prisons, both near Delano.

He also wants to convert a juvenile lockup near Paso Robles into a prison for 1,000 older men.

Adding cells is part of the state's response to a federal court finding that it must reduce prison overcrowding.

The \$810 million Cate will seek from legislative budget committees would pay for those three expansions, plus building a re-entry center in Stockton for 500

inmates who are nearing the end of their prison terms. It would be the first of several planned regional re-entry centers to help inmates adjust in the months before they are paroled.

Actual construction of the four facilities will still depend on when the bond markets thaw, Cate said, because bonds to pay for construction can't be sold until then. Building the facilities would take about two years, he said.

Legislators approved \$7.8 billion in revenue bonds in April 2007 to build more state prisons and county jails.

Cate also plans to soon ask legislators to approve expanding medium-security Wasco State Prison, though details are still being worked out, he said in an interview after his confirmation hearing.

The Senate Rules Committee plans to vote April 22 on whether to let Cate keep the job he has held for nearly a year. He needs approval by the full Senate by mid-May to continue to hold the post.

The proposed construction comes as a special panel of three federal judges is preparing a final order that could force the state to free about a third of its nearly 170,000 inmates. About 153,000 are in the state's 33 adult prisons, with the remainder in conservation camps, community correctional centers and private prisons in other states.



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An inmate in a special head brace is seen in cell at the California Substance Abuse Treatment Facility in Corcoran, Calif. in January. As California's inmate population ages a federal court-appointed receiver says the state will have to spend more money on specialized treatment and housing.

The judges tentatively ruled in February that severe crowding is causing unconstitutional conditions for physically and mentally ill inmates.

To that end, Cate said he is working with J. Clark Kelso, the federal court-appointed receiver

who controls prison medical care, to see if some of the new cells Cate plans to build could be used for sick inmates.

Cate also is considering if some of the cells could be used for mentally ill inmates as part of a treatment plan due to be filed with another federal judge within 60 days.

"Let's maybe kill two birds with one stone," Cate said. "There are a number of options we are exploring."

Schwarzenegger's administration has argued it can use the \$7.8 billion approved by legislators two years ago instead of approving up to \$8 billion in additional borrowing sought by Kelso to improve inmate care.

But Cate told senators Wednesday that the \$7.8 billion will likely not be enough to bring prisons up to constitutional standards. He said he is negotiating with Kelso to determine "the minimum we can live with in these tough times."

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limit imports, according to the World Bank.

On Wednesday, leaders met in a series of bilateral meetings behind closed doors to try close the gap on key issues. They assembled for a formal dinner Wednesday evening before business meetings on Thursday.

Another growing concern for the conference is the plight of developing countries, amid growing fears that the heavy toll exacted by the global economic crisis on those nations could come with a heavy human and political toll.

U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon has written to leaders to urge them to approve a \$1 trillion stimu-

lus plan for developing countries and urge the G-20 countries to back away from damaging anti-trade policies.


It remains to be seen if the leaders will be able to avoid a repeat of the last time that London hosted a world economic summit — the 1933 World Economic Conference that tried to agree to plans to revive the global economy in the midst of the Great Depression.

Many commentators blame the collapse of that gathering — torpedoed in part by the recalcitrance of new President Franklin D. Roosevelt to make agreements that would restrict his freedom to act on the U.S. economy — for the subsequent erection of international trade barriers, continued competitive currency devaluation and rising unemployment.




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Britain's Prime Minister Gordon Brown and U.S. President Barack Obama during a press conference at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office in London Wednesday.



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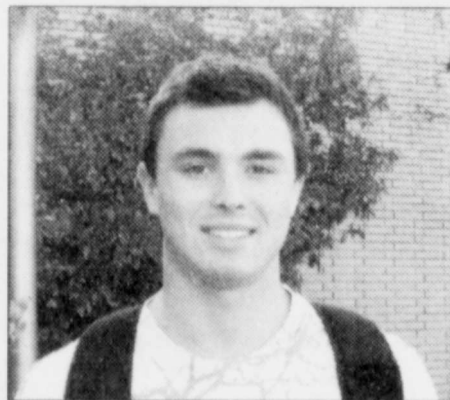


"One of my friends' girlfriends called me today to tell me my friend had proposed to her. I think I might get my sister by telling her I got my girlfriend pregnant."

-Shivang Patel,
business senior

"Not yet. I did hear a good idea from someone in the dorms. The guys were pulling a prank and stapled cups to the floor filled with water. If they removed them water would spill all over. I'm going to do that to my roommates."

-Lindsey Chung,
industrial engineering
sophomore



"I fooled someone this morning. I texted a girl friend of mine and said I was in San Diego."

-Mike MacMahan,
earth science junior

"I was planning on creating a fake fire drill notice for my roommates but I didn't have time and I have class until 8 p.m. so I probably won't."

-Marie Conley,
psychology sophomore



Internet hoaxes launched for April Fools' Day gag

Jake Coyle

ASSOCIATED PRESS

While the potentially dangerous Conficker worm was being tracked throughout April Fools' Day, more harmless hoaxes were being fired out across the Internet.

Everyone from Google to The Guardian were rolling out prank Web

sites Wednesday. It's become an April 1 tradition on the Web to showcase absurd technological breakthroughs and silly pseudo-innovations.

New media mockery was everywhere.

Google unveiled "Gmail Auto-pilot." It alleges that it will help you weed through your inbox by replying to e-mails with automated responses,

tailored to your preference for emotions.

Google also claimed to have mastered artificial intelligence with an entity named "CADIE." That technology led Google to claim, among other things, that it could now "index your brain."

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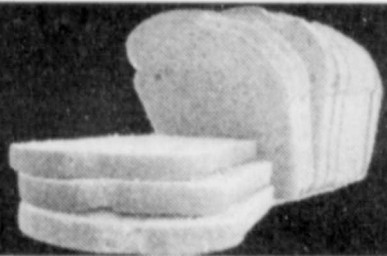
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Briefs

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PALO ALTO, Calif. (AP) — Getting an acceptance letter from Stanford University is harder than ever. Stanford said Wednesday the university only admitted 7.6 percent of its freshman applicants, its lowest admission rate ever.

Officials say only 2,300 of the more than 30,000 applicants received an offer of admission. Admissions officers had expected about 25,000 applications, but received 20 percent more.

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SAN DIEGO (AP) — The University of California, San Diego accidentally sent a welcome e-mail to about 29,000 applicants who had been rejected.

The e-mail sent Monday evening invited all 47,000 students who applied to an admitted students' day on campus.

UCSD Admissions Director Mae Brown apologized for the mistake Tuesday and explained that the e-mail was supposed to go to about 18,000 accepted students.

National

MILFORD, Conn. (AP) — It's no April Fools joke. The baby bunny really does have two noses. A Connecticut pet shop worker found the nosey bunny in a delivery of 6-week-old dwarf rabbits that arrived at the Milford store last week. Both noses have two nostrils. The owner of the Purr-Fect Pets shop says he's never seen anything like it in 25 years in the business. He says the bunny eats, drinks and hops around like the rest of the litter.

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DALLAS (AP) — The police officer who pulled out his gun and threatened an NFL player with jail instead of allowing him inside a hospital where his mother-in-law was dying resigned Wednesday.

Officer Robert Powell had been placed on paid leave pending an investigation of the March 18 incident.

"I made this decision in the hope that my resignation will allow the Dallas Police Department, my fellow officers and the citizens of Dallas to better reflect on this experience, learn from the mistakes made, and move forward," Powell said.

International

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — Two California journalists detained in North Korea could land in a notorious labor camp for years if convicted on charges of illegal entry and "hostile acts." But the regime may be more interested in using the reporters as leverage in talks with the United States.

They could provide Pyongyang with an edge in any negotiations with Washington following its planned launch of a rocket some time in the coming week.

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LONDON (AP) — Chanting G-20 protesters clashed with riot police in central London on Wednesday, overwhelming police lines, vandalizing the Bank of England and smashing windows at the Royal Bank of Scotland. An effigy of a banker was set ablaze, drawing cheers.

More than 30 people were arrested after some 4,000 anarchists, anti-capitalists, environmentalists and others clogged London's financial district for what demonstrators branded "Financial Fool's Day."

Jobless rates rise in all US metro areas in Feb.



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Students and alumni of the City University of New York line up for a job fair in New York March 20, 2009. The U.S. Labor Department reported Wednesday all 372 metropolitan areas tracked saw their jobless rates rise in February from a year earlier.

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newspaper The Guardian said it would become a "Twitter-only publication," limiting its reports to 140 characters or less.

One example from 1927 read: "OMG first successful trans-Atlantic air flight wow, pretty cool!"

(The North Carolina alternative weekly Mountain Express announced a similar reconfiguration, calling itself "the nation's first Twaper.")

Yahoo created a new "Ideological Search" that filters results to fit your personal beliefs. On it, you can get either Republican or Democratic results to a query like "stimulus package."

A startup called Monetate launched a spoof of the photo-sharing site Flickr. With "smellr," the site claims it has brought scent to social networking: "It's like Flickr, but for your nose."

YouTube offered its latest innovation in online video: upside-down viewing. To experience it, YouTube suggests turning your monitor upside down and tilting your head — or moving to Australia.

The online marketplace Amazon.com announced that it had brought cloud computing to the skies. Though "cloud computing" is simply a metaphor for a kind of interconnected computing, Amazon said it had used "the latest in airship technology" to put computers in the clouds (with blimps).

The travel booking site Expedia.com on Wednesday began offering flights to Mars. It's a steal, too, with flights for just \$99. "Save over \$3 Trillion!" read the spoof.

FunnyOrDie.com, the comedy video Web site co-founded by Will Ferrell, announced that it had been bought by country star Reba McEntire. The site was temporarily renamed "Reba or Die" and its home page was populated entirely with videos featuring McEntire.

"If you got to be bought by someone, at least it's Reba," said Ferrell.

There were countless fake press releases and news reports issued Wednesday.

But most of the most popular pranks were obvious and lighthearted.

If anything, what was evident Wednesday was the full breadth of media playing April Fools' gags.

Microsoft's Xbox unveiled a mock version of the popular video game Guitar Hero: "Alpine Legend." This version is for yodeling, rather than guitar playing.

On Facebook, various applications posted joke alerts like "Barack Obama confirmed you as a cousin."

The blog for How Stuff Works explained Willy Wonka-like inventions — like rechargeable gum and "permanent kittens."

Even Economist.com, the Web site for the serious magazine, said it was applying the roller-coaster ride of the economic collapse to a theme park, naturally dubbed Econoland.

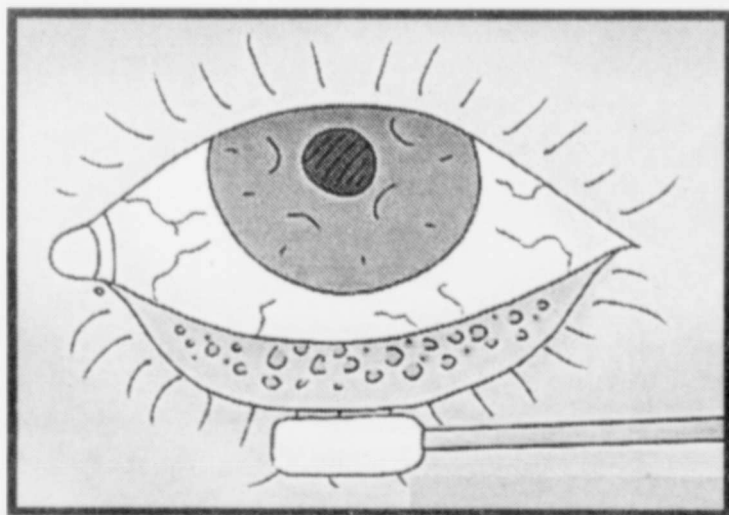
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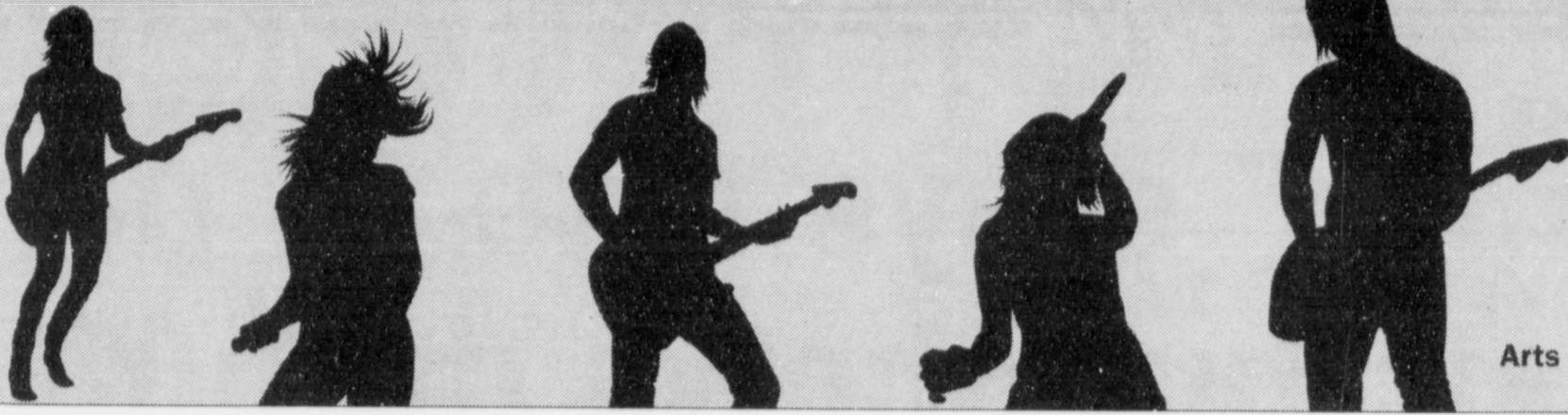
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"The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe" to enchant Poly this weekend



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The performers of the Theaterworks USA production of "The Lion, Witch and the Wardrobe" perform in costume. The actors rely mostly on elaborate headgear in their costume ensembles.



Jennifer Titcomb
MUSTANG DAILY

Release the child within and escape to the magical snow covered land of Narnia.

"The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe" musical is based on the first novel from C.S. Lewis' series "The Chronicles of Narnia." Theaterworks USA has been performing the musical since 1993 and it's been one of its most successful productions.

The musical tells the tale of four children who find a portal to the land of Narnia while playing hide-and-seek in a magic wardrobe. The White Witch represents evil and casts a spell on Narnia that makes it winter forever but never Christmas. The children fight to break the spell and bring

King Aslan back into power.

Theaterworks USA's portrayal of the book is unique because the entire story fits into a 60 minute performance.

"I'm actually really anxious to see how they will do this," said Peter Wilt, Program Manager for Cal Poly Arts.

Wilt said he has had good experience with the company in the past. "They do a great job of taking books and making them into musicals."

He booked the musical with confidence in its strong following from the popularity of the books and more recently the movies. Both Walt Disney movies, "The Lion, Witch and the Wardrobe" and "Prince Caspian," have grossed more than one billion dollars combined worldwide according to the

Web site Box Office Mojo.

"A lot of parents read the books and people have seen the movie 'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe,'" Wilt said.

Marketing Coordinator for Theaterworks USA, Patrick Dwyer explained that because the musical is only an hour it is presented in a story-theatre style where actors step out of character to explain what is going on.

The small cast consists of five actors that play four or five different roles each throughout the musical. "It is very cleverly staged and it's never confusing for audience members," Dwyer said.

Distinguishing between the different characters is made simple using headgear and costumes.

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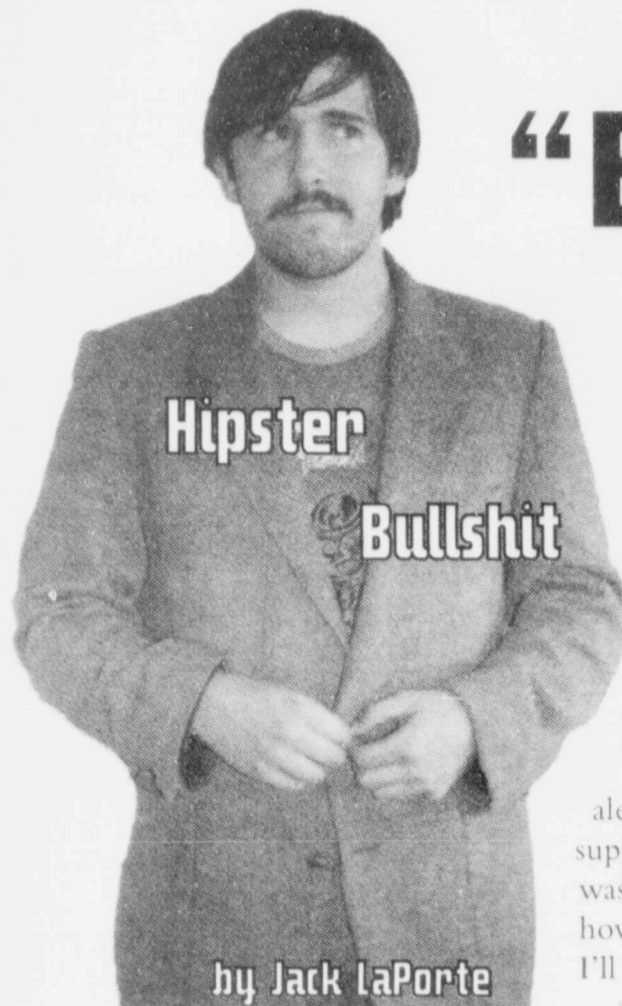
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music column



by Jack LaPorte

"Bromst" stays true to pop music but shows maturity

This spring break was a rediscovery of life, love and most importantly myself. Important life lessons were learned as mistakes were repeated, reviewed, relived and relished over plastic cups of gin and ginger ale indoors and out. But I am supposed to review a record, not waste space on such trivialities as how I spent my spring break. So I'll take the easy way out and tell

you about "Bromst," the new Dan Deacon album off of Carpark as if the album were the soundtrack to my spring break.

The mantra "SB '09: So fine!" started off the break with a sense of insecurity but would eventually build momentum and become a proud phrase to be shouted out of cars on various road trips. You see, I was the mastermind behind the rhyme, but I was too afraid to share it with my life partner Gra-



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"Bromst" is the latest release from American musician Dan Deacon.

ham in the very beginning. I was concerned with how he would respond. It certainly wasn't as good as his "Spring Break '06, show us your tits!"

"Bromst" seems to start off with a similar insecurity. Dan Deacon starts off his album with a similar anxiety, hoping that his newest venture will be able to stand up to his last album, "Spiderman of the Rings," which was something outrageously fun and electro-poppy. The first 30 seconds of "Build Voice" are a hesitant silence leading, eventually, into the faintest whisper of music. So far, so good. Then the words become faintly audible, building up into a confidence that "Bromst" will be even better than "SB '09 - So fine" could ever be.

Then the album gets going with spastic dance beats and high pitched vocals that inspire nothing less than a crispy clear desire to jump on top of anybody else that thinks they are going to be having fun with you. Like drinking gin without knowing how it is going to affect you, the album is surprisingly intoxicating.

The fourth track, "Snookered," is without a doubt, the best song of the album and likely to be one of my favorites of the year. My play counter doesn't even come close to comprehending how many times I've listened to this song and just been inspired to do something stupid just to make sure that the night will end in tears. Dan Deacon turns off whichever one of the myriad of wires and switches that makes his voice sound like a chipmunk and clearly states that he has "been wrong so many times before, but never quite like this (incoherent mumble) I'm in the rain, but the rain all turned to piss." I just want to howl to this song and throw water at pedestrians from a moving car at pedestrians accusing them of living in Fart City!

As a whole, "Bromst" stays true to the pop sensibilities of "Spiderman of the Rings" while evolving into a somewhat more mature and self-conscious entity layered in so many instruments and effects that gives the listener so many different ways and reasons to drink and freak out.

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Open Letter to Cal Poly Students:

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Narnia

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Dwyer said the actors can't be too heavily made up into one particular character because they must quickly switch from human to animals and from witch to beast. Dwyer explained that one actor wears a special helmet-like hat to transform into the beaver character.

Dwyer said the Narnia sets are kept simple. "We find that one of the best ways to engage audiences is to have the viewers use their imagination."

The musical features 12 songs inspired by scenes from the book. The song "Turkish Delight" tells

the story of the White Witch tempting one of the children with the dessert. Other song titles include the opening number "Far Away," "Something Greater" and "A Field of Flowers."

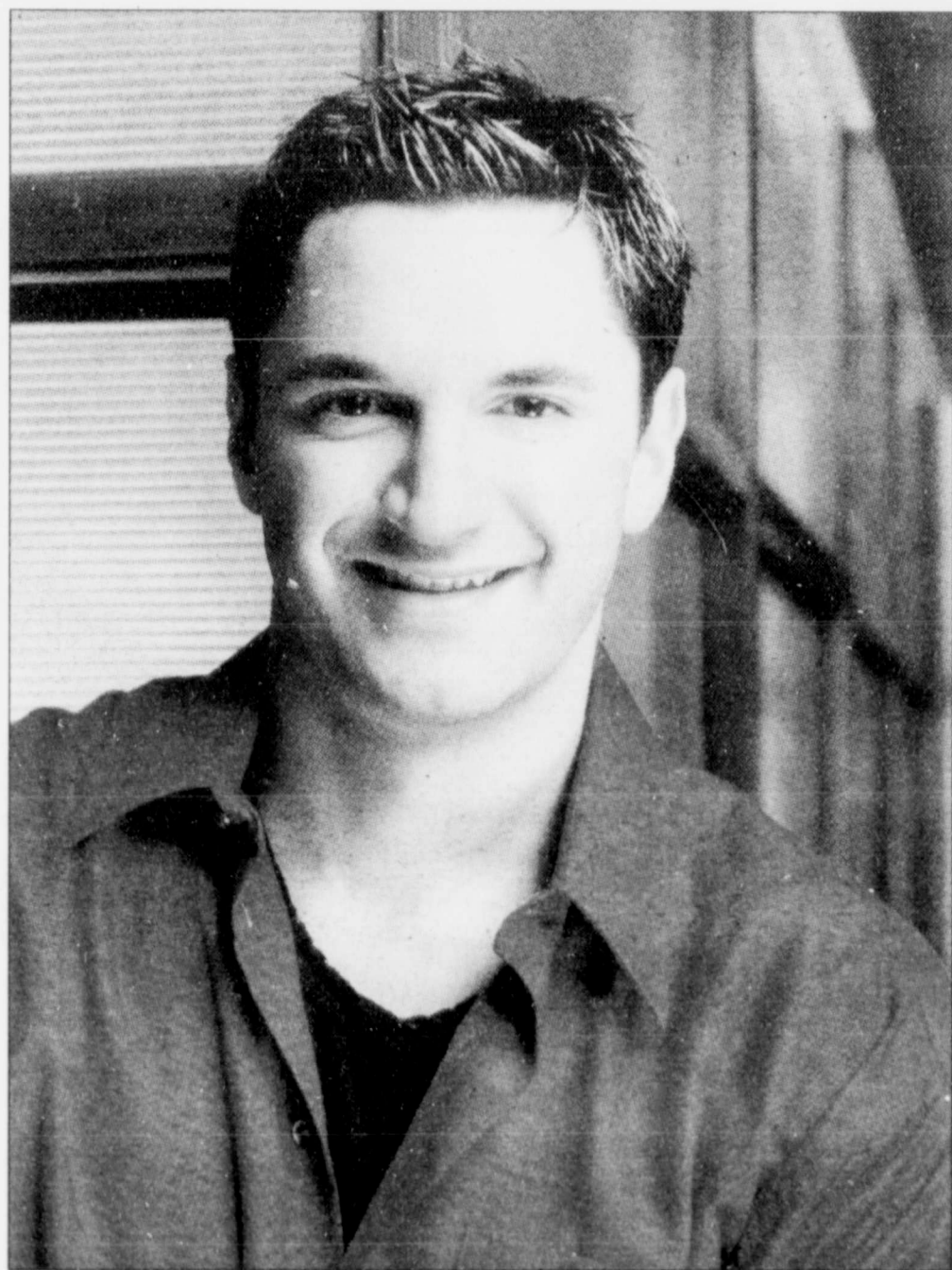
Dwyer said that the musical is great for the whole family. "It has something for everyone. It is wonderfully staged, fantastic music and marvelous performers."

Cal Poly Arts along with Theatreworks USA will present the musical on April 5 at 3 p.m. at Spanos Theatre.

The musical is sponsored by the Embassy Suites Hotel, KJUG 98.1 FM and The New Times.

Tickets are \$14 for children and students and \$18 for the general public.

Actor from 'Angel' dies at 33 of heart disease



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In this television publicity image released by Twentieth Century Fox, Andy Hallett who portrays Lorne in the vampire TV series, "Angel," is shown. Hallett's agent Pat Brady says Hallett died Sunday, March 29, 2009, at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles after having problems breathing. Brady says he has battled the heart condition for the past five years. He was 33.

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LOS ANGELES — Andy Hallett, who made his mark playing green-skinned, good-guy demon Lorne on the TV series "Angel," has died of congestive heart disease. Hallett was 33.

Hallett was taken by ambulance to Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles after having problems breathing and died there Sunday, following a five-year battle with the heart condition, his agent Pat Brady said Tuesday.

His father, Dave Hallett, was by his side.

"Andy was the all-American boy from Massachusetts," Brady said. "He was a hoot. He was comfortable wherever he went. Girls loved him. He was a very gregarious, happy young man."

Born and raised in Osterville, Mass., Hallett moved out to Los Angeles when he was 23 and worked as a messenger at a talent agency, said Brady.

He went on to become an assistant to Joss Whedon's wife, Brady said. It was when Whedon saw the lanky Hallett perform karaoke that he had him audition for "Angel," a spinoff of Whedon's hit series "Buffy the Vampire Slayer." Hallett snagged the part of Lorne.

Hallett proved himself a fan favorite on "Angel" as the show tune loving, red horned demon seer who runs the karaoke club Caritas and can read a person's aura when they sing,

revealing their problems and futures.

The series, starring David Boreanaz as the brooding vampire Angel, ran for five seasons on the WB network before it was canceled, ending in 2004.

Hallett was diagnosed with his heart condition at the end of the show, said Brady, and had been in and out of hospitals for the past five years. He decided to concentrate on his own music, stepping away from acting.

Hallett, an only child, is survived by his father Dave Hallett and mother Lori Hallett.

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7 students punished at Winfrey's school for girls

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NEW YORK — Seven students have been punished for violating the code of conduct at Oprah Winfrey's school for disadvantaged girls in South Africa, the second controversy to hit the fledgling institution since it opened in 2007.

Winfrey representative Don Halcombe said Wednesday that four students were expelled and three were suspended last week from her Leadership Academy for Girls outside Johannesburg.

Halcombe declined to say what led to the violations because there are minors involved. Lisa Halliday, a spokeswoman for the academy's foundation, said it was a confidential school matter and would not "confirm any personal information or disclose any details related to these expulsions."

South African media have reported that the seven girls were accused of trying to force students into relationships and to



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Oprah Winfrey arrives at The Hollywood Reporter's annual Women in Entertainment Breakfast in Beverly Hills, Calif.

engage in sexual contact.

"I'm disappointed that several of our students chose to disregard the school's rules," Winfrey said in a statement issued by her production company HARPO. "It's disheartening when any student has to be suspended or expelled and it's a process that involves serious review and consideration. We will not tolerate a violation of school policy and dishonesty."

This isn't the first time events at the elite girls school have upset Winfrey. The talk-show queen said she was devastated after a woman overseeing a dormitory at the academy was accused of abuse and sexual assault months after the school opened. The woman's trial has not yet ended.

The institution opened in January 2007 with about 150 girls in 7th and 8th grades. The Academy is expected to grow by one grade each year until it reaches full capacity in 2011, with approximately 450 girls in grades 7 through 12.

Winfrey poured \$40 million into the 28-building campus, which is spread across 22 lush acres. It has computer and science labs, and a library, theater and wellness center. Each girl lives in a two-bedroom suite.

It's the fulfillment of a promise she made to former South African President Nelson Mandela and aims to give poor girls a quality education and prepare them for leadership positions in a country where schools are struggling to overcome the legacy of white-minority rule.

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Obama's decision to remove CEO was the right one — this time

I'm not interested in politics, polls or any politician. I'm not interested in ideology or even government as an institution. I am interested in forward-thinking ideas and in how policies affect individuals. I see America's positive potential, both for the benefit of our country and for countries and continents abroad. I'm interested in "vision over visibility," as Bono croons in one of U2's new songs "Moment of Surrender" — the idea that what we are is not as appealing as what we could be.

Label me a socialist, communist or naive, but I think the majority of Americans voted for Barack Obama because of his intelligent optimism, knowing that our best days as a nation are still to come and that he has the thoughtfulness to lead us to those better days. This, among many policy reasons, is why I voted for Obama and still trust his decisions.

However, President Obama's decision to ask General Motors' Chief Executive Officer Rick Wagoner to step aside in order for GM to continue to receive government bailout funding has been scrutinized this week by news pundits and political analysts, and it was initially disconcerting to me.

The news story that has been running for the past week is that the government stepped into the private business sector and fired Wagoner. Stu Varney, an economics journalist, ranted Monday on FOX News' America's Newsroom that "the writing is on the wall for any private company that takes government money. The government is going to tell you who you can fire — who you can fire, how much you can pay them, the perks that they can receive, their business practices and basically what product you can put out."

Varney went on to say with an air of finality, "The government now controls the car industry in the United States." You know the classic music from that scene in Psycho, the Hitchcock movie, when the bad guy repeatedly stabs the woman to death in the shower and all the blood runs down the drain? That's the music

that should have followed Stu Varney's portrayal of Obama's decision to ask Wagoner to step aside.

But is it all that bad? To be sure, it was unsettling to me, simply as an American. Despite my liberal tendencies, I still retain a sliver of capitalist respect for the separation of private business and government. However, there are important practical reasons why President Obama was entitled to ask Wagoner to step aside.

According to New York Times columnist Maureen Dowd, Wagoner "lost \$82 billion in the last four years, took \$13.4 billion in bailout money and asked for \$16.6 billion more, even as the carmaker's market share melted from 33 percent to 18 percent and its stock slid from more than \$70 a share to less than \$4 — about



The Liberal Lens

by Stephanie England

and middle class have to work for their every paycheck and possession.

While the Dow Jones bounces irreverently on the stock market trampoline, laughing as the bank CEOs hoard their bailout funds and then distribute the money gratuitously to their partners, the rest of America is just making ends meet. Is it humane for tax dollars to

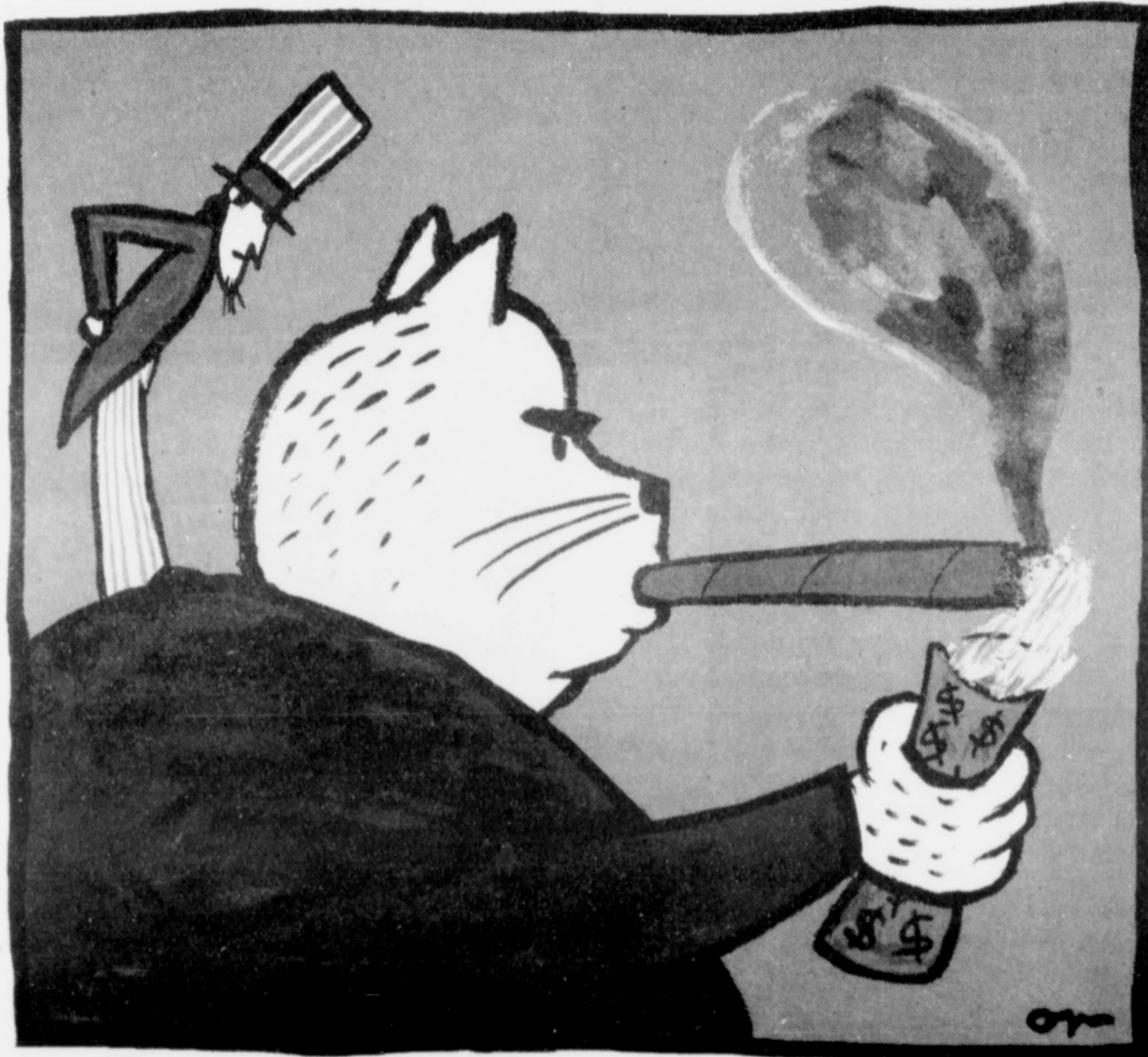
be so freely allocated to millionaires while elderly Americans choose between food and medicine, and some families file for bankruptcy due to high hospital bills?

President Obama has expressed outrage over the AIG executives who wept for financial assistance and then expected it to be acceptable for them to distribute bonuses to certain employees. By asking Wagoner, an irresponsible CEO, to step aside, President Obama demonstrated the responsibility he has taken upon himself to insure that our tax dollars are not misused by corporate America again. It's a forward-thinking idea that should increase Americans' confidence that he will retain the same concern for the middle class that he had on the campaign trail.

Nevertheless, Wagoner's removal as CEO of GM should not set a precedence for government intervention into the private business sector. If we are to forage a new path of policies in America, we must always focus our judgments on liberty and justice. Proposals must both affirm those principles and lift our society to seek what is possible, not accepting the status quo as a reality.

This time, President Obama succeeded.

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the price of a couple gallons of gas."

Why should Wagoner be rewarded with control over new government funds when he so poorly shepherded both the previous bailout funds and his own company? And don't work up a tear for Wagoner's destitution too quickly — he'll leave GM with a \$23 million pension package, according to the AP.

I think President Obama asked Wagoner to step aside as GM CEO because he has his finger on the pulse of the average American who has seen the wealthier, more affluent in society consistently get a break while the poor

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It's time to rein in the Fed

For those of you who left the country over spring break, your currency exchanges may have left you with a bit less cash in your pocket than you planned. On the Wednesday prior to break, the Federal Reserve (Fed) announced it was monetizing one-trillion dollars worth of debt in the form of long-term treasury bonds and mortgage securities. This injection of cash into the economy was promoted as a stimulus measure, but many fear this action is a major step towards the devaluation of the dollar.

Despite the major news outlets and Congress being engrossed in the AIG bonus scandal at the time, the commodities markets and exchange rate reacted quickly to the announcement. The dollar posted its biggest daily fall in value compared to major world currencies since 1985, and the prices of commodities such as crude oil, gold and silver jumped. As of this writing, exchange rates with the dollar have not yet regained their losses. This instability in value is undesirable in the world's major reserve currency.

States with a vested interest in the stability of the dollar voiced their concerns over the dilution of the dollar in the days following the announcement, and their concerns with our central banking system should not be taken lightly. The Fed's move prompted officials from China, Russia, the United Nations, and the International Monetary Fund to make announcements concerning the viability of the dollar as the world's primary reserve currency.

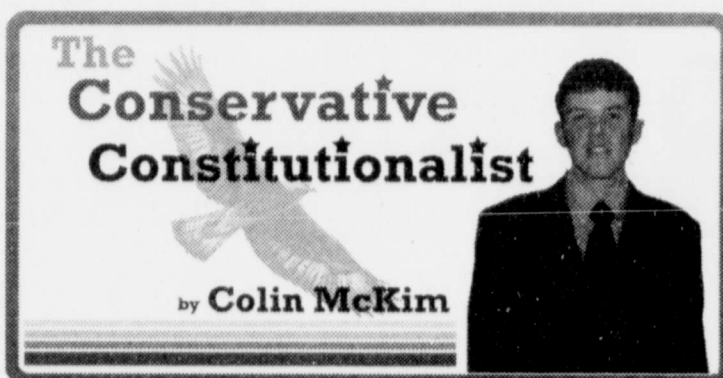
Trailed by the euro, the dollar is the world's first choice by states for storing and transacting large sums of money. Its status as the major reserve currency was established at the Bretton Woods conference during World War II. Although the Bretton Woods gold standard system, which provided stability to the dollar, collapsed in 1971, the dollar continued to be the major reserve currency. This era may soon come to an end if current trends continue, with possibly disastrous consequences for America.

President Woodrow Wilson later regretted signing the Federal Reserve Act once he realized the potential of the system to manipulate the financial system in a way that touches every American. The act delegated an authority granted to Congress by the Constitution to a private banking system not held fully accountable to the Treasury or to Congress. As the complexity of the banking system grew, so did the influence of the Fed.

The Fed has become influential to the point many take it for granted. Its existence is manifested every time you use paper currency, widely termed "money." Many people don't know, however, that unelected businessmen, with little vested interest in the long-term consequences of currency manipulation, determine the actual values of these pieces of paper. Take a close look at what a dollar note actually says. Across the top is written "Federal Reserve Note." The only connections the note has to your elected government are the two token signatures of treasury officials, who themselves are appointees.

The dollar has retained less than 5 percent of its value since the formation of the Fed in 1913, with much of the value being lost after the adoption of a fiat monetary system. The Fed has continually devalued the worth of our currency through actions which create money out of thin air to satisfy the funding demands of the federal government. Such manipulations can only be expected from an organization with essentially zero accountability to the American people and with close ties to the wealthy influential schemers of the Bilderberg Group.

Several solutions have been proposed to rein in the Fed. The most difficult option, to eliminate the Federal Reserve system entirely, would require a careful execution to avoid economic collapse from such a radical change. Yet such an approach has ardent sup-



porters, most notably the "End the Fed" grassroots campaign.

Opening up the Fed to audits would allow the oversight that is so sorely lacking. A current piece of legislation proposed by Congressman Ron Paul (R-TX) to subject the Fed to an audit is now in committee, already having gained 49 co-sponsors, both Democrat and Republican. The Federal Reserve Transparency Act (H.R. 1207) aims to regain the congressional oversight of our monetary system as provided in Article I, Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution. While the act would not fully make the Federal Reserve system constitutional, the increased monetary oversight and review of the Fed's relationship to the U.S. Treasury make the act an excellent interim measure to limit reckless and secretive actions by the Fed. If your representative has not yet expressed his or her support for the bill, please urge him or her to do so, as I have.

Another option to circumvent the Fed's influence is to repeal the laws authorizing the use of Federal Reserve notes as legal tender. Congress is not authorized by the Constitution to declare which forms of currency are legal tender and states are limited to gold and silver as forms of legal tender per Article I, Section

10. The Framers knew the dangers of paper money without a commodity backing and therefore left it up to the free market to determine the value of coinage. Many foreign coins were in circulation prior to the establishment of the first U.S. mint in 1792 and continued to circulate even after. Now U.S. Code does not permit foreign gold or silver coins to be used in transactions in the United States and private mints are sometimes shut down in the name of counterfeiting, even when they are producing coinage not resembling official government currency.

Hard money or competing currencies do not necessarily need official recognition to be accepted by merchants. In addition to gold and silver coins, the U.S. government also issued gold and silver certificates at one time. These paper notes were redeemable for gold or silver, making hard money more convenient. Until 1935, commercial banks were able to issue their own banknotes as promises of payment in gold or silver. Merchants were free to accept them as payment or not based on the currency's stability as a store of value. Ending the Fed's monopoly on dictating the value of currency and its quantity would essentially eliminate the system's authority.

We must look to history to determine the best monetary system to follow. Fiat paper currencies inevitably collapse eventually due to abuse by their creators. The Federal Reserve system continues to abuse its position as the source of currency, and unless significant steps are taken to make it accountable, the dollar will eventually become worthless. The blow to the world economy would cause makes keeping a watchful eye on this secretive powerhouse a pressing issue for our age. Pay close attention to the Fed's actions and let your representatives know your opinions. It may not be too late to harness or slay this monster.

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Online responses to student approval of college-based fee increase



The passage of the CBF increase only solidifies how naive the Cal Poly student population is. Congratulations, you were successfully bilked by a supposedly "unbiased" administration into passing a referendum promoting fiscal irresponsibility. But now are futures are safe right? We no longer have to worry about the administrations threats of class eliminations. We have preserved the "learn by doing" philosophy. Well, I thank you Cal Poly; you have taught me something during my tenure. When the going gets tough I should just admit defeat like you did. Rather than laboring to fix fundamental budgetary flaws, you took the easy way out. This seems to be the ever popular ideology of the U.S. populous. Take the easy way out. But how can we blame our citizens when institutions of higher learning are not only preaching but practicing this philosophy?

— John Abruzzini

When I applied to Cal Poly over four years ago, one of the biggest draws to the university was the fact that I will receive an education that is on the same caliber as a middle-ranked University of California institution (such as UC Davis, UC Irvine or UC Santa Barbara) for half the cost. Of all the universities I applied to and was accepted to, Cal Poly had the best "bang-to-buck" ratio. However, these fee increases threaten the "bang-to-buck ratio" advantage that Cal Poly has. Keep in mind that the fees that were just increased are only the college-based fees. The state university fee seems to go up

about 10 to 15 percent annually due to California's chronic budget issues, and other fees related to Cal Poly, from the ASI fee to parking permits, always seem to increase as well. Fees may be in the mid-\$7,000 ballpark by the 2011-2012 school year. Although I understand that UC fees are also increasing, the gap between UC fees and Cal Poly fees is becoming smaller each year. Cal Poly needs to focus on ways to contain the costs of running an institution, instead of just demanding more money whenever it faces budget issues. It can start by reducing freshman enrollment to sustainable levels and by perhaps outsourcing some of its services, such as dining. My long-term dream would be for Cal Poly to focus on its premier programs (engineering, architecture and agriculture are prime examples, although there are many other great programs here) and remove some of its non-premier programs. I have the same philosophy with California's chronic budget issues, but that's a topic for another day.

— Michael McThrow

The Obama maniacs just keep voting to spend spend spend. Reality check people. Spending isn't the solution to all of life's problems. I thought that the election of Obama was going to solve all our problems — you mean that his stimulus package couldn't fix the budget? He was supposed to take care of all of us. I'm glad I'm out of here in June, suckers.

— Mike

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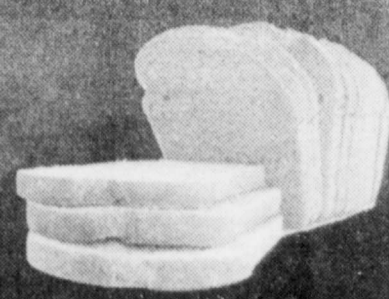
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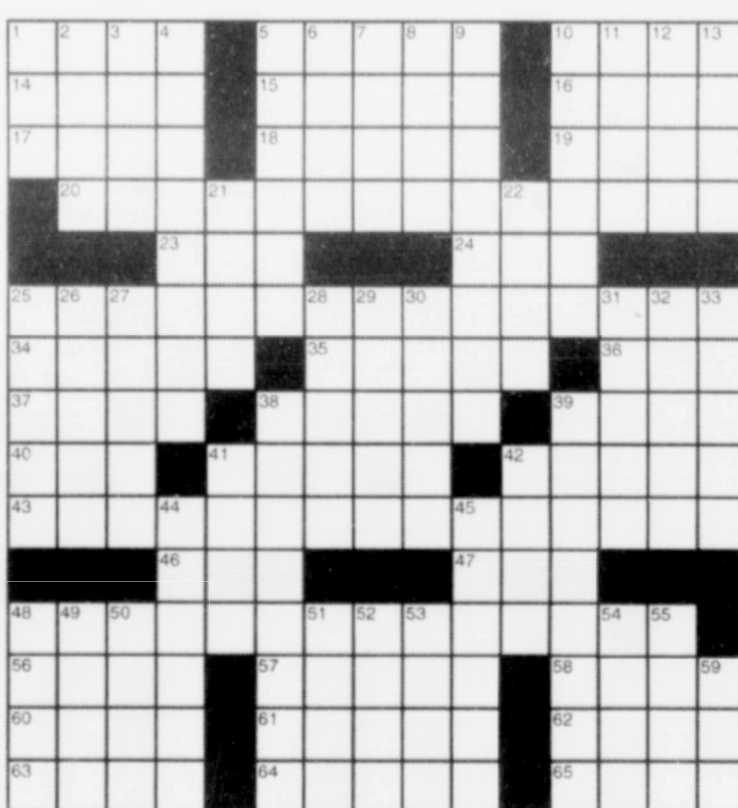
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 - It comes from Mars
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 - Words repeated after "O Absalom" in the Bible
 - Occurrence in the moon's first quarter
- Down**
- Wandering ____
 - Eyeglass lens shape
 - ____ Davis, "A Girl Like Me" documentarian
 - Matinee showing time, maybe
 - Have in mind
 - Pants spec
 - Modern home of the ancient Akkadian empire
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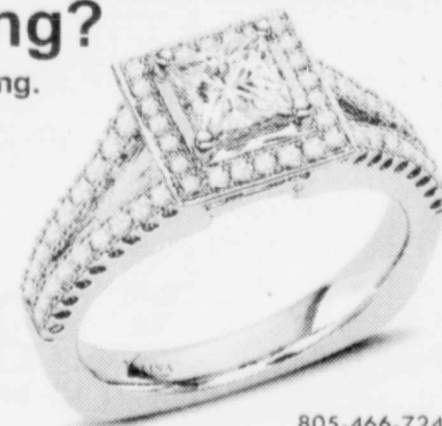
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Pardon

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"When we couldn't beat him in the ring, the white power establishment decided to beat him in the courts," Burns told the AP in a telephone interview. Burns' 2005 documentary, "Unforgivable Blackness: The Rise and Fall of Jack Johnson," examined Johnson's case and the sentencing judge's admitted desire to "send a message" to black men about relationships with white women.

Both McCain and King said a pardon, particularly one from Obama, would carry important symbolism.

"It would be indicative of the distance we've come, and also indicative of the distance we still have to go," McCain said.

Burns, however, sees a pardon more as "just a question of justice, which is not only blind, but color

blind," adding, "And I think it absolutely does not have anything to do with the symbolism of an African-American president pardoning an African-American unjustly accused."

Burns helped form the Committee to Pardon Jack Johnson, which filed a petition with the Justice Department in 2004 that was never acted on. Burns said he spoke about the petition a couple of times with Bush, who as governor of Johnson's

home state of Texas proclaimed Johnson's birthday as "Jack Johnson Day" for five straight years.

Bush gave Burns a phone number which led to adviser Karl Rove, Burns said, but Rove told him a pardon "ain't gonna fly."

Rove doesn't recall any such conversation with Burns, his spokeswoman Sheena Tahilmani said, and "if he had been approached, he wouldn't have offered an opinion."

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"The game is supposed to be enjoyable," Walsh said. "It's supposed to be, 'Let's go out and play football because we love to do it.' As coaches we're supposed to show the players that we love what we do too. So I think the enthusiasm and the positive energy will be contagious from both sides."

While remaining positive can help motivate the Mustangs, the bottom line for Walsh and his staff remains to evaluate the team's talent.

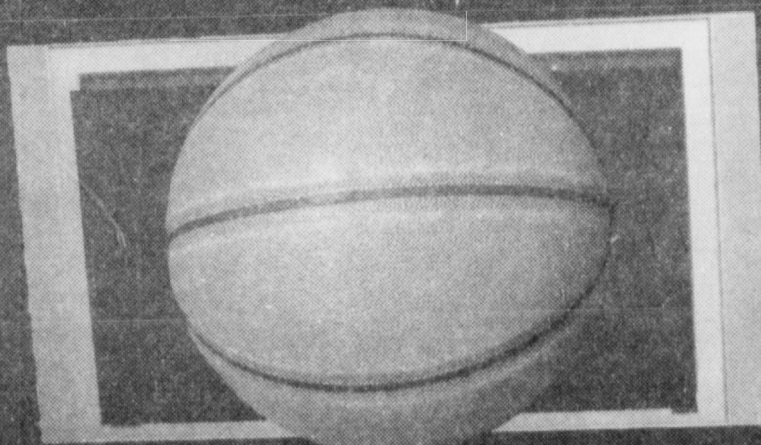
"I really do feel the players are comfortable and I think they'll get more comfortable as we move along in the process," Walsh said. "During the meetings you get to know (the team) as guys, but now we want to get to know them as football players."

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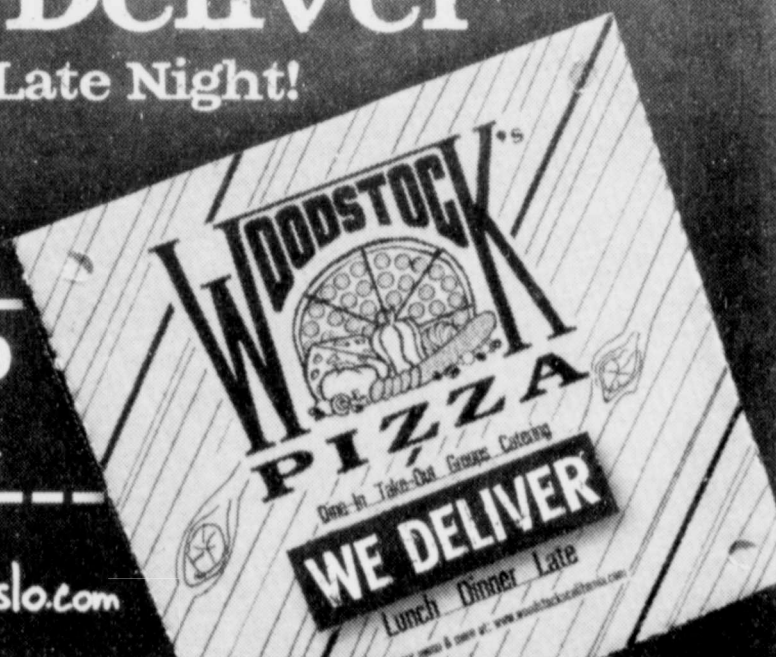
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football

Mustangs spring into first practice of new year



NICK CAMACHO MUSTANG DAILY

Cal Poly junior quarterback Tony Smith takes a snap during the team's first practice of the spring.

Scott Silvey
MUSTANG DAILY

The blustery wind may have reminded players of the weather during the fall sports season, but for the Cal Poly football team, yesterday's first spring practice was more about unfamiliarity.

An entirely different coaching staff led by new head coach Tim Walsh oversaw the team's first official practice since the Mustangs were eliminated from the Football Championship Subdivision (formerly Division I-AA) playoffs in November.

The coaching staff isn't the only thing that's changed.

The Cal Poly offense will be totally revamped this year after losing most of their starters from last year's 8-3 team. The Mustangs will have a completely new look at the skill positions after losing starting quarterback Jonathan Dally, receivers Ramses Barden and Tre'dale Tolver along with running backs James Noble and Ryan Mole.

"What we've done is we've told players we're all kind of starting as flatliners — Step up, show us who you are," Walsh said.

Three possible candidates have emerged for the starting quarterback position: junior Tony Smith and redshirt freshmen Andre Broadous and Doug Shumway.

Of the three, Smith is the only quarterback to have thrown an official pass at Cal Poly, going 3 of 7 for 31 yards last season as Dally's backup.

With little information to go on, Walsh said the quarterbacks would all be monitored closely throughout the spring.

"The quarterback position has a lot of things (to look at)," Walsh said. "You're looking at how they break the huddle, how they handle the line of scrimmage, pre-snap and post-snap. We look at a lot of different things as well as their performance."

The quarterback position is not the only one for the taking, as players will jockey for spots on both sides of the ball and special teams. Walsh said players would be watched and evaluated in terms of performance and athletic ability to determine where they fit.

Senior running back Jono Grayson is one of the players likely penciled in to fill the shoes of Noble and Mole, who helped lead Cal Poly to the top overall offense in the FCS and the third best rushing

making them the only seniors on a relatively young offense.

"It feels good to be a senior and to be in the position of a leader and its good to have that confidence of a seasoned vet," Grayson said.

Grayson, like the rest of the coaching staff, got his first look at some of the younger players and liked what he saw.

"We looked good for the first day," he said. "Not as sharp as we could or should look, but not bad for our first day. We've got a lot of young guys with a lot of talent and it's good to see what they have."

While the offense may have a lot of new personnel, the defense will have a new look altogether. Walsh plans to change Cal Poly's defensive scheme from Ellerson's double eagle flex to a more traditional 4-3, a difference that will force many players to adjust to new roles.

Walsh said a main priority before the April 25 spring game is to have the team understanding the concepts of their new roles.

"The first two days of non-padded practices is going to be a lot of learning about each other — how they play, how we coach and then for them to learn anything new," Walsh said. "We want to have the base philosophies of what we're going to be offensively, defensively and special teams completed by the time we're done this spring."

While players are slowly adjusting to the style of the new coaching staff, Grayson said that he noticed a few fundamental changes.

Walsh would wander the practice field occasionally high-fiving players who made a good play and encouraging others to pick up the tempo.

"The coaches seem like they're having a lot more fun out here," Grayson said. "Not that the other coaches didn't, but they seem to be enjoying it a little bit more."

Walsh agreed that his staff wants to remain positive with the team.

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—Tim Walsh
Cal Poly head coach

attack.

While Grayson has filled in admirably in the past averaging over eight yards per carry over the last two years, he is not expecting any special treatment from the new coaching staff.

"I've got to get healthy and as soon as I can get healthy I've still got to work hard," said Grayson, who is nursing a sore quad but still practiced. "There's nothing owed to me so I've got to work just as hard if not harder than the next guy."

Grayson will be joined in the backfield by fellow seniors Jaymes Thierry and fullback Jon Hall

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Pardon sought for first black heavyweight champ

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WASHINGTON — Sen. John McCain wants a presidential pardon for Jack Johnson, who became the nation's first black heavyweight boxing champion 100 years before Barack Obama became its first black president.

McCain feels Johnson was wronged by a 1913 conviction of violating the Mann Act by having a consensual relationship with a white woman — a conviction widely seen as racially motivated.

"I've been a very big fight fan, I was a mediocre boxer myself," McCain, R-Ariz., said in a telephone interview. "I had admired Jack Johnson's prowess in the ring. And the more I found out about him, the more I thought a grave injustice was done."

On Wednesday, McCain will join Rep. Peter King, R-N.Y., filmmaker Ken Burns and Johnson's great niece, Linda Haywood, at a Capitol Hill news conference to unveil a resolution urging a presidential pardon for Johnson. Similar legislation offered in 2004 and last year failed to pass both chambers of Congress.

King, a recreational boxer, said a pardon would "remove a cloud that's been over the American sporting scene ever since (Johnson) was convicted on these trumped-up charges."

"I think the moment is now," King said.

Presidential pardons for the dead are rare.

In 1999, President Bill Clinton pardoned Lt. Henry O. Flipper, the Army's first black commissioned officer, who was drummed out of the military in 1882 after white officers accused him of embezzling \$3,800 in commissary funds. Last year, President George W. Bush pardoned Charles Winters, who was convicted of violating the Neutrality Act when he conspired in 1948 to export aircraft to

a foreign country in aid of Israel.

The Justice Department and the White House declined to comment on this latest Johnson pardon effort.

However, the idea has a passionate supporter in McCain, who has repeatedly said he was wrong in 1983 when he voted against a federal holiday in honor of Martin Luther King Jr.

"It's just one of those things that you don't want to quit until you see justice," McCain said of Johnson's case. "We won't quit until we win. And I believe that enough members, if you show them the merits of this issue, that we'll get the kind of support we need."

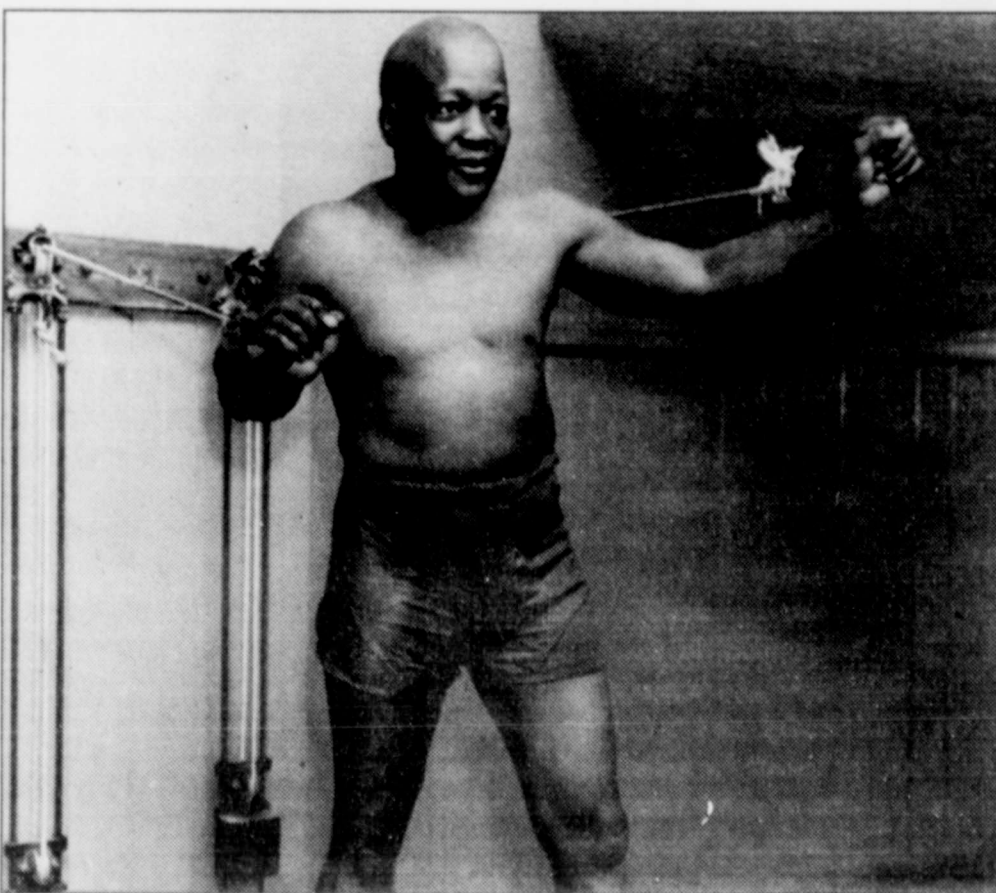
Johnson won the world heavyweight title on Dec. 26, 1908, after police in Australia stopped his 14-round match against the severely battered Canadian world champion, Tommy Burns. That led to a search for a "Great White Hope" who could beat Johnson. Two years later, the American world titleholder Johnson had tried for years to fight, Jim Jeffries, came out of retirement but lost in a match called "The Battle of the Century," resulting in deadly riots.

Johnson lost the heavyweight title to Jess Willard in 1915.

In 1913, Johnson was convicted of violating the Mann Act, which outlawed transporting women across state lines for immoral purposes. The law has since been heavily amended, but has not been repealed.

Authorities first targeted Johnson's relationship with a white woman who later became his wife, then found another white woman to testify against him. Johnson fled the country after his conviction, but agreed years later to return and serve a 10-month jail sentence. He tried to renew his boxing career after leaving prison, but failed to regain his title. He died in a car crash in 1946 at age 68.

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Former heavyweight champion Jack Johnson, shown above in an undated file photo, held the title from 1908 - 1915.